

Read the texts about explorers and choose the best title: 1, 2, or 3.

1 A trip to Africa

2 A long journey to Bulgaria

3 A new and safer journey



Vasco da Gama - \_\_\_\_\_

Vasco da Gama was an explorer from Portugal. He **sailed** from Europe to India in 1497. He found a way by sea that was safer than travelling on land. He travelled to India again, in 1502 and 1524.

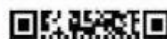
Ibn Fadlan - \_\_\_\_\_

In 921, Ibn Fadlan **travelled** from Baghdad to Bulgaria. He wanted to tell people about Islam and Islamic law. He travelled more than 4000 kms! He also wrote **a diary** about the people he met.



Richard Burton and John Speke - \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Burton and John Speke were British explorers. In 1857 they travelled to Africa. It was a **difficult** and **dangerous** journey. They found the start of the River Nile.



Look at the words in red in the texts. Match them to their meanings below.

a) to go on a boat

b) not easy

c) not safe; you can get hurt

d) where you write what you do and see

e) to go from one place to another

**Read the texts again. Answer the questions.**

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| 1 Did Vasco de Gama go to India by train?                     | Yes / No |
| 2 Did Ibn Fadlan travel to Bulgaria?                          | Yes / No |
| 3 Did Richard Burton and John Speke travel to Africa in 1957? | Yes / No |
| 4 Did Ibn Fadlan write a diary?                               | Yes / No |

**Complete the sentences with a word from the box.**

**dangerous / travelled/ diary/ sailed / difficult**

1. The ship \_\_\_\_\_ to china.
2. Last year, we \_\_\_\_\_ to Turkey.
3. The Math exam was really \_\_\_\_\_.
4. It is very \_\_\_\_\_ to play with fire.
5. That's my private \_\_\_\_\_ - you shouldn't be reading it.

